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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 - 9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended): A method for protecting liver functions of a mammal, which reduces an increase in GPT or GOT activity in blood, and which comprises administering to a mammal athe composition according to claim 1 for protecting liver functions.

said composition comprising reduced coenzyme Q represented by formula (1):

(wherein n represents an integer in the range of 1 to 12).

11. (currently amended): A method for protecting liver functions of a mammal, which reduces an increase in GPT or GOT activity in blood, and which comprises orally administering a composition-according to claim—I for protecting liver functions,

said composition comprising reduced coenzyme Q represented by formula (1):

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\ \text{H}_3\text{CO} \\ \text{CH}_2\text{CHC(CH}_6\text{)CH}_2\text{)}_n \text{ H} \\ \\ \text{OH} \end{array}$$

(wherein n represents an integer in the range of 1 to 12).

12 - 21. (canceled).

22. (currently amended): A method for protecting liver functions of a mammal, which reduces an increase in GPT or GOT activity in blood, and which comprises administering to a mammal a the composition according to claim 12 for protecting liver functions.

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said composition comprising oxidized coenzyme Q represented by formula (2) and selenium, wherein the content of the selenium is less than 0.01 percent by weight;

(wherein n represents an integer in the range of 1 to 12).

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23 - 25. (canceled).